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Mr. Charles Terreni  
Chief Clerk of the Commission  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
Post Office Drawer 11649  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. to Deregulate Voice Mail  
Docket No. 2005-315-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing are the original and ten copies of: (1) the verified direct testimony of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) witness Steven L. Inman; and (2) BellSouth's Motion for Expedited Ruling on Petition on the Basis of Verified Testimony. BellSouth has consulted with the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"), which is considered a party to this proceeding by virtue of S.C. Code Ann. §58-4-10(B), and the ORS has confirmed that it has no objection to BellSouth's Petition in this docket. There are no other parties to this proceeding.

Given that BellSouth's Petition is supported by verified testimony, that the ORS has no objection to BellSouth's Petition, and that no other person or entity has intervened in this proceeding, BellSouth respectfully requests the Commission to grant its Petition at the earliest possible Agenda Session on the basis of the verified testimony in the record in this proceeding.

Copies of the enclosed documents are being served on the Office of Regulatory Staff.

Sincerely,

Patrick W. Turner

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Enclosure

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BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2005-315-C

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In Re:

Voice Mail Deregulation

) **MOTION FOR EXPEDITED**  
) **RULING ON PETITION**  
) **ON THE BASIS OF**  
) **VERIFIED TESTIMONY**  
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BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") respectfully submits this Motion to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission").

**I. INTRODUCTION**

As explained in the Petition to Deregulate Voice Mail ("Petition") that BellSouth filed in this docket on October 4, 2005 and in the verified testimony of Steven L. Inman that BellSouth filed in this docket on November 30, 2005, voice mail service, its functional equivalent, or substitute services are available from many regulated and unregulated providers throughout BellSouth's operating territory in South Carolina. As of the date of this Motion, South Carolina is the only state in BellSouth's nine-state operating region in which voice mail is not deregulated. Accordingly, BellSouth has petitioned the Commission to enter an Order stating that the Commission will not regulate business or residential voice mail offerings in any exchanges in BellSouth's operating territory in South Carolina.

BellSouth has consulted with the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"), which is considered a party to this proceeding by virtue of S.C. Code Ann. §58-4-10(B), and the ORS has

confirmed that it has no objection to BellSouth's Petition in this docket. Moreover, as explained below, BellSouth has published the Commission's Notice of Filing in compliance with the Commission's directives, the deadline for intervention or other participation in this docket has expired, and no person or entity has intervened or otherwise participated in this docket. BellSouth, therefore, respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Petition on the basis of the verified testimony supporting the Petition as quickly as possible.

## **II. FACTS SUPPORTING REQUEST FOR EXPEDITE RULING**

On October 25, 2005, the Commission delivered a Notice of Filing to BellSouth and directed BellSouth to have the Notice published one time in newspapers of general circulation in the affected areas on or before November 4, 2005. The Commission also directed BellSouth to provide the Commission with Proof of Publication on or before November 25, 2005. On November 10, 2005, BellSouth filed publisher affidavits with the Commission in compliance with these directives.

The Notice establishes November 25, 2005 as the deadline for any person or entity to: file a Petition to Intervene; notify the Commission of a desire to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if one is scheduled; and/or notify the Commission of a desire to be notified of the hearing, if one is scheduled. As of the filing of this Motion, the Commission's website does not reflect any such filing or notification by any person or entity, and BellSouth is unaware of any such filing or notification by any person or entity. Moreover, BellSouth has confirmed that the ORS has no objection to BellSouth's Petition.


On November 30, 2005, BellSouth filed the direct testimony of Steven L. Inman in this docket. This testimony is accompanied by an affidavit in which Mr. Inman affirms, under oath,

his direct testimony. Mr. Inman's direct testimony and its exhibits support BellSouth's Petition and demonstrate that BellSouth is entitled to the relief it seeks in its Petition.

### **III. CONCLUSION**

Given that BellSouth's Petition is supported by verified testimony, that the ORS has no objection to BellSouth's Petition, and that no other person or entity has intervened in this proceeding, BellSouth respectfully requests the Commission to grant its Petition at the earliest possible Agenda Session on the basis of the verified testimony in the record in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of November, 2005.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, Nyla M. Laney, hereby certifies that she is employed by the Legal Department for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and that she has caused BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Motion for Expedited Ruling on Petition on the Basis of Verified Testimony to be served upon the following this November 30, 2005:

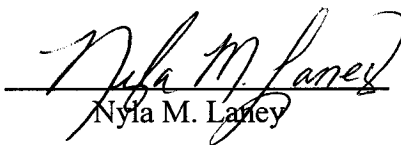
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